

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

TERRY, Lee (Republican)  
Representative, 2nd District, Nebraska  
Elected 1998 to 106th Congress



### BACKGROUND

Born: Omaha, Nebraska - 29 January 1962

Home: Omaha, Nebraska

Marital Status: Married (Robyn) - 2 children

Religion: Methodist

Education: Univ of Nebraska, B.S., 1984; Creighton Univ, JD, 1987

Military: None

Profession: Lawyer

Political: Omaha City Council, 1991-98. Defeated Michael Scott (D) in 1998 general election with 66% of the vote succeeding Rep Christensen (R) who lost in primary for governor. Reelected in 2000 with 66% of the vote and in 2002 with 63%.

Rep Terry sees himself as "more of an economic conservative" and accords fiscal issues a higher priority than social issues but does oppose abortion and favors tougher anti-drug laws.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, said he would not be bound by campaign pledge to serve no more than three terms in the House. Remarked that he decided not to voluntarily limit the number of terms served until and unless the same limitations apply equally to all representatives. (Omaha World-Herald, 15Apr99) During debate on H.R. 2561, the FY00 Defense Appropriations Bill, expressed concern about outsourcing and privatization and wanted to make sure efforts did not harm the warfighting capability of the military. Commented that DoD has moved rapidly towards outsourcing and privatization without allowing the individual Service Chiefs or base commanders the opportunity to meet manpower and cost savings through other means. Specifically questioned whether Sections 8109 and 8110 of the bill whether cause DoD to give greater consideration to retaining government civilian employees and military members when considering whether to contract out support functions. (CR, 22Jul99) Held 3Nov99 meeting with Nebraska Congressional Delegation to exchange information and begin a more cohesive effort to make Offutt AFB indispensable to military planners. Said the delegation should "work from the same page" as they push for infrastructure investments and watch over the base's ongoing privatization process. Added that the potential privatization of 1,600 Offutt jobs and plans for two rounds of base closings were part of the reason for the meeting. (Omaha World-Herald, 4Nov99)

In the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, lead the House Impact Aid Coalition. Said "impact aid enables school districts to fulfill our promise to the men and women of our armed forces."

Additional: His father, a television anchor, ran as the Republican nominee for the same 2nd District seat in the 1976 general election. Member, Airpower Caucus.

AF Bases: Offutt AFB

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